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## California's educational plan in flux

By SEAN COOPER  
Spartan Daily Staff Writer

In 1960, California adopted and implemented the Master Plan for Higher Education, an unprecedented piece of legislation tying the University of California, CSU and community college systems together, and committing California to providing affordable and accessible education to anyone who wanted it.

Thirty years later, that plan, and the tenets on which it rests, is nearly dead.

With the state being burdened by a stagnant economy, budget deficits and a general lack of funding, the Master Plan, as laid out 30 years ago, is slowly being dismantled by rising student fees, revised admissions policies designed to reduce enrollment, as well as faltering quality.

A report issued by the Planning, Safety and Finance Committee of SJSU's Academic Senate points out that those changes "could represent a significant philosophical change, not only for the CSU, but for California itself."

That report, titled "Concerns in Revising the Master Plan for Higher Education," was adopted by the Academic Senate on Monday and will be forwarded to CSU Chancellor Barry Munitz, members of the statewide Academic Senate and members of the California Postsecondary Education Commission (CPEC). In January 1993, the groups will participate in hearings to review the Master Plan in light of the state's fiscal problems that have left its future feasibility much in doubt.

According to Christopher Cabaldon, senior consultant for the state Assembly's Higher Education Committee, "the Master Plan is

undergoing changes whether we choose to acknowledge it or not; everything in the Master Plan is under attack.

"We need to rethink the way we do business. We're now looking at the Master Plan as a goal, whereas a few years ago we were looking at it as the way we do business," he said.

According to Cabaldon, the 1993 hearings will represent not only a chance to understand what form those changes are taking, but also how they can be integrated into the Master Plan to reaffirm the open and equitable system of education it was originally designed to achieve.

"We're going to be engaging in a formal dialogue to discuss the fundamental organizational and structural precepts behind the Master Plan and to discuss the changes that need to be made to return to the commitments laid out by the plan. We are no longer fulfilling those commitments," Cabaldon said.

Those commitments, laid out in the original version of the Master Plan, include a three-tiered, statewide system of higher education which provides a place for all incoming high school graduates. The plan designates the top one-eighth of high school graduates for the UC system, the top one-third for the CSU and the remaining segment for the community college system.

However, those designations no longer seem suited to an economic climate that cannot sustain them. For example, the revision of the admissions policy at SJSU — one of four campuses to make the unprecedented move of refusing

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## Decking the park with elves and baubles



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## Christmas season shines through downtown's Plaza Park

Above: On Friday afternoon, Robert Romero worked on a Christmas scene as part of Plaza Park's annual Christmas in the Park celebration. San Jose businesses and organizations took part in the event.

Right: Lucy Serra of San Jose, left, hands over tree decorations to Amanda Aldrin, 5. Amanda has come to Plaza Park for tree decorating since she was a toddler.

The display will be open from 9 a.m. to midnight through Jan. 2, 1993.



## Walking labyrinth in search of holiday spirit

*Reverend hopes SJSU students will discover their inner wisdom during Advent by traveling spiral path in replica of French cathedral floor design*

By JON SOLOMON  
Spartan Daily Staff Writer

Eight people stepped within the lines — sometimes out of the lines — of a labyrinth painted in purple on a 20-square-foot sheet of canvas on the floor of the Campus Ministry Center.

The Rev. Penny Mann led the procession of people through the labyrinth for the first time on Sunday.

The paths of the labyrinth were narrow enough that people would occasionally brush against a person coming in the opposite direction. Some people moved off the path and tried to avoid others coming toward them.

Six petals, resembling those of a rose, were at the center of the labyrinth. When the people reached the center they lit candles. A green cardboard circle was placed around each candle to catch the wax.

The walk through the labyrinth is a tool for reflecting on one's journey in life, said Mann, the campus minister for United Campus Christian Ministry. She feels Advent, the four weeks before Christmas, is the perfect time for people to slow

down and reflect on life.

"The process of walking it allows a time of quiet and some moments of letting inner wisdom come forth," Mann said. "It's a quieting, centering activity," Mann said.

"It helps us slow down and touch the deeper meaning."

"I think everyone should do this before finals," said Patricia Robles, a senior majoring in history. "Each time I do it I feel more relaxed."

"You get out of it what you put into it," Mann said.

After the procession ended, people walked the labyrinth at their own pace. Some would speed up at parts, and maybe even skip. Some walked backwards to the beat of the new age music. One girl took off a red sock to illustrate her way of interpreting her journey.

The way the participants walked seemed to show a part of their individuality.

The labyrinth in the Ministry Center was a smaller replica of that found on the floor of the Chartres Cathedral in Paris.

A labyrinth is different from a maze in that a labyrinth has no dead ends.



PHOTOGRAPH BY MATT WALLIS—SPECIAL TO THE SPARTAN DAILY  
Participants hold candles while walking the painted labyrinth on the Campus Ministry Center floor Sunday.

## Four vacancies on football staff

By DON MCGEE AND ERIK HOVE  
Spartan Daily Staff Writers

Four SJSU assistant football coaches will not be returning next season, according to Spartan Head Coach Ron Turner.

Coaches who will not receive contract renewals are Donnie Rea, defensive coordinator; Larry Petrill, outside linebacker and special teams coach; and Rick Cook, who was the team's recruiting coordinator and tight ends coach. Wide receivers coach Ed Buller resigned.

Rea was part of the coaching staff

for six years, after coaching at the University of Southern California, Brigham Young University and San Diego State. Cook also finished his sixth season after previous experience with the Spartans in 1979 to 1981 and at Santa Barbara City College. Petrill finished his fifth season, having formerly coached in high school in Southern California. Buller had three years under his belt with the Spartans after a high school coaching career.

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## City to decide closure

By AMOS FABIAN  
Spartan Daily Staff Writer

The San Jose City Council will discuss the closure of San Carlos Street at a public hearing at 7:30 p.m., said Nicole Launder, student representative to the University Environs Task Force.

Established to reach a consensus on the issue between SJSU and the surrounding neighborhood, the task force is expected to recommend the permanent closure of San Carlos Street between Fourth and 10th streets.

The City Council will accept the recommendations if conditions set by the city manager are followed, said Margaret Tamisiea, council assistant to Councilman David Pandori, who represents SJSU as part of district three.

Traffic mitigations, increasing parking in the south campus, and the reconstruction of San Carlos, Ninth and Seventh streets by the university are some of the conditions relating to the closure.

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## EDITORIAL

## False ethnic backgrounds take advantage of the system

*People falsify job applications to take advantage of ethnic minority requirements.*

In an attempt to get an edge in the United States' current hard-luck job market, people are beginning to do anything — even become minorities.

People are changing their ethnicity to improve their chances of securing a job.

Throughout the United States, the number of people claiming to be American-Indian grew by 40 percent over the last decade, according to a report published Nov. 22 in the San Francisco Examiner.

It's ludicrous for individuals to change their ethnicity via applications and other bureaucratic means.

The product of the generations that systematically oppressed people of color from participating fully in the job market is now trying to cash in on

the laws set up to help correct these past injustices.

And on the other side of the spectrum, one finds that people who have tried to hide their racial identity have suddenly embarked on crusades to assert it when a chance for a job or promotion may be enhanced by being from a certain racial group.

Affirmative Action and other programs of its nature were implemented to ensure that groups who have been historically denied equal opportunity in the United States may indeed have a better chance.

Government programs were not brought about to inflate the American-Indian population or to have scores of people looking for some trace of color in their family trees.

Creating a false ethnic background is a poor excuse in the job market.

The best person for the job is the one most qualified. Ability, not skin color, should be the reason a person earns a promotion.

## No time for goodbye in war

John Perez

## Editor's Forum

In the later part of 1989, the United States decided to rescue former Panamanian dictator Manuel Noriega from the money and material possessions acquired through drug trafficking.

It took some 40,000 troops and some old '50s and '60s music to help move him out of the presidential palace.

The 82nd Airborne was one of the units sent to help Noriega move to the states. A good friend of mine, Paul R. Janic, was in our unit. He was one of those people with a middle initial that doesn't stand for anything.

Sgt. Janic was in charge of the music that eventually helped drive Manuel out of his comfy abode. Janic and I were riding in a convoy on its way to resupply the troops that surrounded the palace.

Right before reaching a homemade sign reading "no swimming in the canal," two shots rang out from the top of a building near the palace. One of the shots pierced through Janic's uniform, striking him in the chest. He slowly slumped over the front of the HUMM V and let out a groan. I stopped and got rear-ended by the truck behind me.

I leapt out and ran around to the passenger side and heard someone yell, "Medic!" He kept yelling, "Medic, medic!" I wish they'd hurry up and get here, I kept thinking. The yelling continued for what seemed like an eternity.

I later found out the voice that kept yelling was mine.

I let my friend's head rest on my arms as I frantically tried to stop his life from slipping away. Here I was,

someone who has the power to call in an air strike — to affect the future — and I could do nothing but make my friend's last few minutes as comfortable as possible.

By the time the medic arrived, my friend had passed away.

The trees still waved in the breeze, and the lieutenant in the next vehicle waved the rest of the convoy past. Life had briefly stopped to pay tribute.

After Paul was taken to the makeshift morgue, I got myself together and went to a nearby church built in the 17th century.

The church was surrounded by stained glass depicting Jesus Christ and a man kneeling together. The stained-glass artwork was almost 300 feet high. All along the wall, the other stained glass had different passages from the Bible. I walked up to the crucifix at the front of the church and knelt down to ask, "Of all people, why did it have to be Paul?"

As the sun passed through the stained glass, the whole church lit up with a cornucopia of colors. I felt a warmth I had never felt before. At that moment, I felt like I had said goodbye to my friend and felt at peace.

I always visit Paul's family during the holidays, and we talk about all the good things Paul used to do and his wonderful sense of humor. I will never forget my friend Paul.

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ED FOWLER — SPARTAN DAILY

## Playing around the pool should not be deadly

A cold, stiff hand pushed my head farther into the water. Because I was joking around, I wasn't able to take a large breath before going under.

I thought it was fun and games until I tried to come up for air, and Scott, the jerk laughing above me, continued to hold me down.

I started to panic, grabbing his wrist and digging my nails into his flesh, but he would not relent. I began punching and kicking him, but with no effect.

My mind was racing. I kept thinking I was going to drown; this jerk was really going to kill me.

I felt helpless yet angry because this insignificant person in my life was going to take my life.

Tears filled my eyes as I felt the world getting darker. I opened my mouth to let the water choke my lungs.

Some time after that, Scott pulled me up; I don't quite remember how long or how much water I had swallowed.

I remember feeling one

hand grab my arm and the other hand clasp my hair, yanking me up.

Water was in my lungs, and I could feel it come up as I frantically tried to breathe the air. It was a heavy, uncomfortable feeling in my chest.

*I kept thinking I was going to drown; this jerk was really going to kill me.*

During this time, Scott carried me out of the water and placed me on the concrete.

I will never forget the first full breath I took. My throat hurt and so did my chest, but the incredible relief my body felt for the precious air is a feeling that will stay with me forever.

This disturbing incident is the reoccurring nightmare I have had for years. Unfortunately, my nightmare stems

from this true experience of nearly drowning by the hands of a neighbor named Scott when I was 12 years old.

Since then, all my nightmares have been about suffocating or drowning. Sometimes they would star my brother or cousin who, in real life, used to hold me underwater for long periods of time, but would always let me up when I became frantic.

Years after the incident with Scott, when we were older and more mature, I confronted him.

He told me he was just playing around that night and thought I had gotten a big enough breath before he dunked me.

Scott said he was just laughing with his buddies when I stopped fighting back and became limp. He thought, oh shit, and pulled me up.

His apologies seemed empty after the number of years that had passed. There were so many repercussions from that incident, I feel I will never forgive him.

Ten years have passed since



Rachel Luther

## Writer's Forum

the night Scott took my life into his hands. And the fear of drowning or being suffocated and my nightmares have not subsided.

It was a costly lesson Scott and I learned about pool etiquette, one we will never forget.

I have this to say to all the Scotts in the world: think about the consequences and realize the power you have before playing around in the pool.

Rachel Luther is a Daily staff writer.

## Scrambling at finals with the 'good grade god'

It's hard to believe the semester is finally at an end. All the endless hours of studying, staying up late, pouring over books and drinking pots of coffee to cram for tests are almost over.

But even though we'll soon enjoy almost a month-and-a-half away from studying and tests and boring lectures, there's always a certain reality check that comes with the passing of each semester.

The end of a semester means it's time to contend with finals — a moment of truth when we test our ability to miss as many classes as possible without impairing our grades.

But even before finals, we need to get through the last week of class assignments. Most of us usually sit down about this time to take one last look at our green sheets only to realize how much we've procrastinated since August.

With this realization, most of us will now spend a good portion of this week writing

papers or journals that could have been done earlier in the semester, but at the time seemed so far away from being due.

Then, as we scramble to get all those last minute projects done, we come to the moment of enlightenment when we say, "Next semester will be different — next semester I'll get everything done early!" Yeah, right, I think I heard that one last semester too.

Another reason the end of the semester is a little sad is that it puts everyone one step closer to graduation — that fateful day when we all have to finally grow up and face the real world.

No more summer or winter vacations, no more spring break, no more taking the day off for beautiful weather, just 300-some-odd days of work, work, work.

My father always said college is the best time of your life. I always thought graduation would be "the end all be all" since I'd be able to come home at night knowing I don't

have mounds of homework waiting for me. But, my dad has usually proved to be right in every other "life" situation, so I'm expecting life to go a bit downhill after graduation.

Not only that, but if the real world is much worse than some of the classes I have taken, I think I'm about to enter my own private nightmare.

*Next semester will be different — next semester, I'll get everything done early. Yeah, right...*

But for me, the end of the semester also means the end of a class which has been a great experience. While having to come to the Spartan Daily



Kerry Peters

## Writer's Forum

everyday for hours on end may not sound like much fun to some people, the fact is I will miss it.

Over the semester, the staff here has become sort of a little family, and I'm really going to miss not seeing everyone everyday. But enough of the sentimental stuff.

For now, I'm just scrambling to get those last-minute things done, praying to "good grade god" and looking forward to a month and a half of doing absolutely nothing!

Kerry Peters is a Daily staff writer.

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**BAPTIST STUDENT MINISTRIES:** Lifestyle meeting, noon - 1 p.m., S.U. Pacheco Room, 6 - 7 p.m., location T.B.A., call 925-2980.

**CATHOLIC NEWMAN COMMUNITY:** Advent Mass, 12:10 p.m., Campus Christian Center Chapel, call 298-0204.

**DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY:** Chronicles of Drug Development, 4:30 - 5:30 p.m., Duncan Hall 250, call 924-5000.

**MECHA:** General meeting, 5 p.m., Chicano Resource Center, call 288-6470.

**OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS:** Meeting, 12:30 - 1:20 p.m., Administration Building, Room 222B, call 251-5430.

**SCHOOL OF ART AND DESIGN:** Reception for "What Goes Around Comes Around" exhibit, 6 - 8 p.m., Art Building Gallery One; Tuesday night lecture series: "Artists in 'What Goes Around Comes Around'" exhibit discuss their work, call 924-4328.

**SCHOOL OF ART AND DESIGN:** Student galleries art receptions, 6 - 8 p.m., Art Building, call 924-4330.

**SOCIOLOGY CLUB IN ASSOCIATION WITH ASSOCIATED STUDENTS:** Award ceremony/Winter Celebration, noon - 2 p.m., Dudley Moorehead Hall, call 924-5320.

## Wednesday

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS:** Meeting, 12:15 p.m., Campus Ministry Center, call (415) 595-2103.

**A.S. BOARD OF DIRECTORS:** Meeting, 3 p.m., A.S. Council Chambers, call 924-6240 or 924-6255.

**CATHOLIC NEWMAN COMMUNITY:** Advent Mass, 12:10 p.m., Campus Christian Center Chapel; Exploring the Catholic faith, 7 - 8:30 p.m., Campus Ministry Center, 10th and San Carlos, call 298-0204.

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## Bay Area rain clogs Tahoe roads, sends vehicles spinning

RENO, Nev. (AP) — A soggy winter storm stalled over Nevada on Monday, closing schools and forcing motorists to chain up in the Sierra. But ski resort operators and drought-weary weather watchers rejoiced.

"It's a pretty good dump up here," said Dan Greenlee, water supply specialist for the U.S. Soil Conservation Service.

"If we could just keep this up for awhile, it sure would help us out in the long run."

While the Sierra and western Nevada remain well behind in total precipitation for the water year and the storm didn't make a dent in six years of drought, the rain on California and snow in the Sierra was nothing but good news to ski areas.

"Whenever it rains in the Bay area, everybody comes up here expecting there to be snow," said Alex Potter, sales manager at Squaw Valley USA.

Early reports from the Tahoe ski areas showed between 24 and 30 inches of snow had fallen since the storm began Saturday night, with Heavenly Valley receiving 48 inches over the weekend.

Jubilation at the resorts was

**FANTASY AND STRATEGY CLUB:** Megatraveller: "Secrets of Swurgrum," 6 p.m., SU Pacheco Room, call 924-7097.

**GOLDEN KEY HONOR SOCIETY:** Officer Elections, 6:30 p.m., Costanoan Room, call 978-8108.

**PHILOSOPHY DEPARTMENT:** Prof. Elizabeth Radcliffe, "How Does the Humean Sense of Moral Duty Motivate?" 4 p.m., SU Guadalupe Room, call 924-4519.

**STUDENT AFFILIATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL RESPECT (S.A.F.E.R.):** Weekly meeting, 4 p.m., Washington Square Hall 115, call 924-5468.

**STUDENT HEALTH SERVICES:** Preventive Health Series: Contraceptive Methods, noon - 1 p.m., Health Building 208, call 924-6117.

**SPARTAN MARCHING BAND:** Spartan Marching Band Scholarship Benefit Concert, 7:30 p.m., Event Center, \$3 students, \$5 general, call 924-4643.

**WING CHUN ASSOCIATION:** Meeting, 7 - 9 p.m., Women's gym patio area, call 249-8573

## Thursday

**CAMPUS MINISTRY:** Christmas Caroling Party, 6 p.m., Campus Ministry Center, call 298-0204.

**CAREER PLANNING AND PLACEMENT:** Co-op Orientation, 12:30 p.m., SU Almaden Room, call 924-6033.

**CATHOLIC NEWMAN COMMUNITY:** Advent Mass, 12:10 p.m., Campus Christian Center Chapel, call 298-0204.

**G.A.L.A.:** Winter Social, 4:30 - 6 p.m., SU Guadalupe Room, call 236-2002.

**GOLDEN KEY:** End of semester dinner, 7 p.m., DiCiccio's, call 978-8108.

**SPARTAN PUB:** Thursday Night Bands: "Uprising," 8:30 p.m., Spartan Pub, call 224-1855.

**U.N.I.T.E.:** Multicultural Committee meetings, 3 - 4 p.m., A.S. Council Chambers, call 924-6240.

## CSU Plan: New policies contradict master plan

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new admissions and restricting admission by moving up deadlines — is a direct affront to the Master Plan's policy of open admission.

"It's apparent that we're going to have to make some kind of changes," said Colleen Bentley-Adler, CSU spokeswoman. "The state isn't funding higher education as it historically has."

However, the notion of revising the Master Plan, which is in essence the foundation of how higher education in California operates, has many people worried. As the report issued by the SJSU Academic Senate indicates,

## Coaches

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Rea and Cook were hired under coach Claude Gilbert.

"We just felt it was the best thing to do in the interest of our program at this time," Turner said Tuesday afternoon during a telephone interview.

Turner added that he hopes to have replacements for the departing coaches in the near future.

Rea said he was shocked about the announcement, but was told early in the year there might be changes with the team.

"This happens in the business. In this case a new coach comes in

"There is a danger that, in the current financial situation, policies may be enacted in a piecemeal fashion, by the legislature, by the CSU, or by individual universities, which violate the spirit and even the letter of the Master Plan."

"The report is the committee's reaction to the prospect of revising the Master Plan," said Stephen Van Beek, political science professor and legislative affairs director for the Academic Senate. "It really represents more of a series of things to keep in mind during any discussion than concrete ideas about what should be changed."

The report cites the new admissions policy and student fee

increases, among others, as examples of the "piecemeal" policy process and warns that changes in policy, as with changes in the Master Plan, must be checked against the plan's obligation to provide affordable, quality education.

Similar hearings to those taking place in January 1993 were conducted in 1987, and as the

report observes, nothing ever came of them.

However, Academic Senate member David Mesher believes something will have to change this time.

"Last time the legislature reviewed (the Master Plan), nothing was ever done. But this time it's under very different circumstances," Mesher said.

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Meeting For Closure of San Carlos St.  
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## San Carlos

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If the City Council decides to begin the street closure proceedings, it will review an environmental impact report to be conducted by SJSU, Tamisiea said.

The closure of San Carlos would provide campus unity, a better learning environment in the adjacent classrooms and make the campus more appealing so students will stay for more than "the six minutes spent between

class and car," Launder said.

SJSU President J. Handel Evans has repeatedly expressed his support for the closure.

Anyone interested in the closure of San Carlos should send a message to the council by attending the meeting, Launder said.

## Grades by Touchtone

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mail out grades this semester.

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If you have any questions about grades by Touchtone, stop by Admissions and Records or Call 924-2000.

## South central students turn tragedy into art

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Looters singing opera?

It's how high school students in the South Central area turned the tragedy of last spring's riots into art.

About 60 students from Manual Arts and Fremont high schools created and star in a pair of 20-minute operas, "Another Smoky Night," and "Florence and Normandie," which were scheduled for school performances today and Tuesday.

The shows use rap music and dance to depict the Rodney King beating and its aftermath.

The operas were created under a special six-week program sponsored by the Los Angeles Music Center Opera, and are based on the students' poems and essays about their feelings during the deadly April and May unrest.

"I thought the opera was a bunch of fat old people screaming and making a lot of noise," said Evelia Del Toro, 16, who plays a looter.

A sample lyric from the shows: "People are going crazy, breaking into everything they see ... I never knew my people could be so cold."

"It's time to stand together and do what we know is right, or will have to live through another smoky night."

"This is our one chance to show people that we have pride in our culture," said Mone Hogan, who raps the lyrics during the finale of one show. "It's just a matter of having people come out and help us."

"Before this, people of different races didn't want to sit by each other in class and stayed on their side of the yard," said Kelvin Perry, 19, who performs a rap routine. "But during the opera, people from all sides of the yard are on the same stage."

tempered by misery for motorists.

The California and Nevada highway patrol reported dozens of accidents on both sides of the Sierra Monday, mostly involving people who skidded off the road.

Chains or snow tires were the order of the day over Donner Summit on I-80 and across most other Sierra passes.

Chains or snow tires also were required on many western Nevada roads.

The Incline Village school district, Zephyr Cove Elementary School, Whittell High School in Zephyr Cove and the Truckee-Tahoe Unified School District in the Truckee area all canceled classes because of the treacherous roads.

Caltrans reported 30 inches of snow on Donner Summit with more still falling early Monday. Other early snow depths included 26 inches at Sierra Ski Ranch, 23 inches at Echo Summit, 16 inches at Meyers and a foot of new snow at Incline Village.

Seventeen inches fell on Kingsbury Grade, 10 inches in Tahoe City, 4 inches at Incline Village and Truckee and 7 inches in Virginia City.



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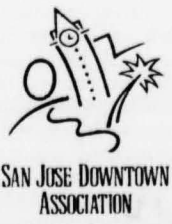
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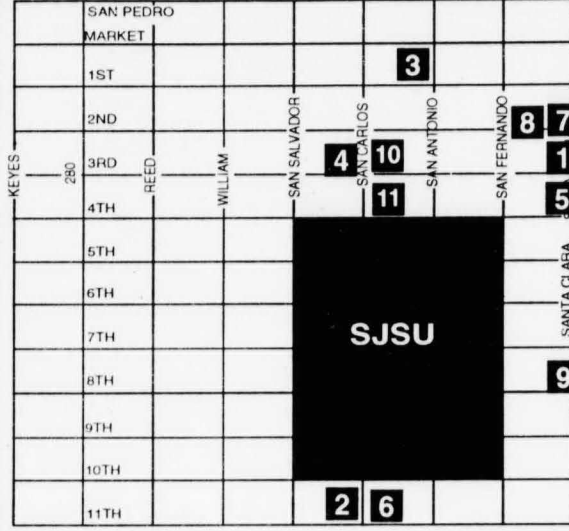


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# Spartans beat Gonzaga in overtime 76-73

By STEVEN CHAE  
Spartan Daily Staff Writer

In just three days, the Spartan mens' basketball team equaled the win total from all of last season and won back-to-back games for the first time in two years.

So the dominant question now is: Just how good are these Spartans?

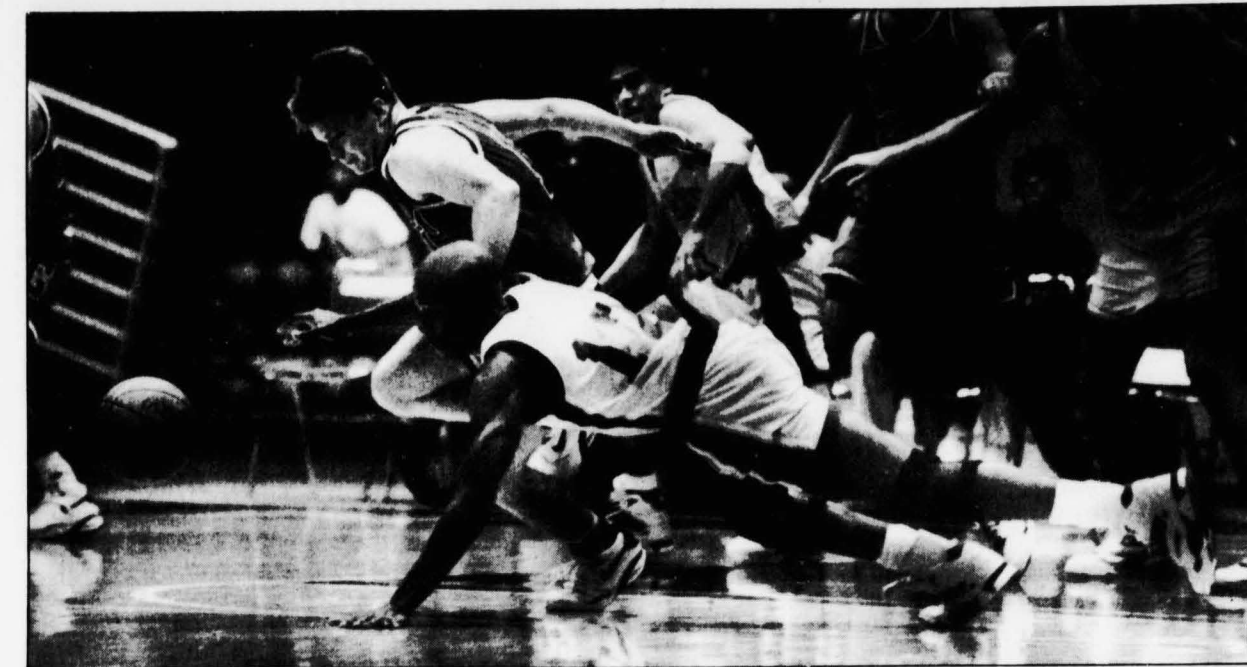
"I have no idea," Head Coach Stan Morrison said after his Spartans just defeated the Gonzaga Bulldogs 76-73 in overtime Saturday night. Two nights earlier, the Spartans had stunned the Stanford Cardinal in a 56-52 upset.

"We're a long, long way from being polished at all. We don't execute very well offensively and we have defensive breakdowns. We just have to solidify ourselves in certain situations," Morrison said.

Saturday night, the Spartans proved solid in a crisis situation. Gonzaga cruised to a nine-point halftime lead on the strength of 74-percent shooting from the field in the first half. The Bulldogs also drained all four of their three-point attempts in the first period.

Gonzaga extended their lead to 15 points in the second half before the Spartans, forcing turnovers with frenetic backcourt pressure, clamped down defensively.

Forward Kevin Logan's 17-foot jumper cut the deficit to nine points with 6:32 remaining. The lead dwindled to four following



MARCIO J. SANCHEZ — THE SPARTAN DAILY

SJSU guard Lossie Mitchel's relentless defense helped the Spartans to their second win, equaling their win total of last season.

center Mike Brotherton's three-point play with five minutes left. And when forward Jason Allen's trey from the left corner swished through, the crowd of 1,686 reacted louder than they had since free pizza was offered to the most vocal section.

The Spartans had an opportu-

nity to win in the final seconds of regulation but Brotherton's lay-up attempt rimmed away harmlessly. Morrison thought Brotherton, who was bumped, should have been sent to the foul line.

"You get three to five years in some states for less than that," Morrison said.

A balanced attack carried the

Spartans through the extra period, with six different players registering buckets in overtime.

Jason Allen led the Spartans with 16 points on the night, as each of San Jose's starting five reached double figures. The Spartans dominated Gonzaga on the boards, grabbing 35 rebounds to the Bulldogs' 25.

Spartan guard Lossie Mitchel never doubted the Spartans would make a game of it. "We could be down by 25, it doesn't matter. I always believe we're going to come back," Mitchel said.


"Lossie led the way for us to come back," Morrison said. "His defense was inspiring and really got us back in the game."

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## SJSU gymnasts participate in intrasquad meet

By FAYE WELLS  
Spartan Daily Staff Writer

There are now enough members of the SJSU women's gymnastics team to divide the team in half and make them compete against each other.

That's what head coach Jackie Walker did at the exhibition match Friday at the Men's Gym.

The Gold team was headed by Jodi Solod, who made the NCAA regionals last year after a season of consistent all-around performances.

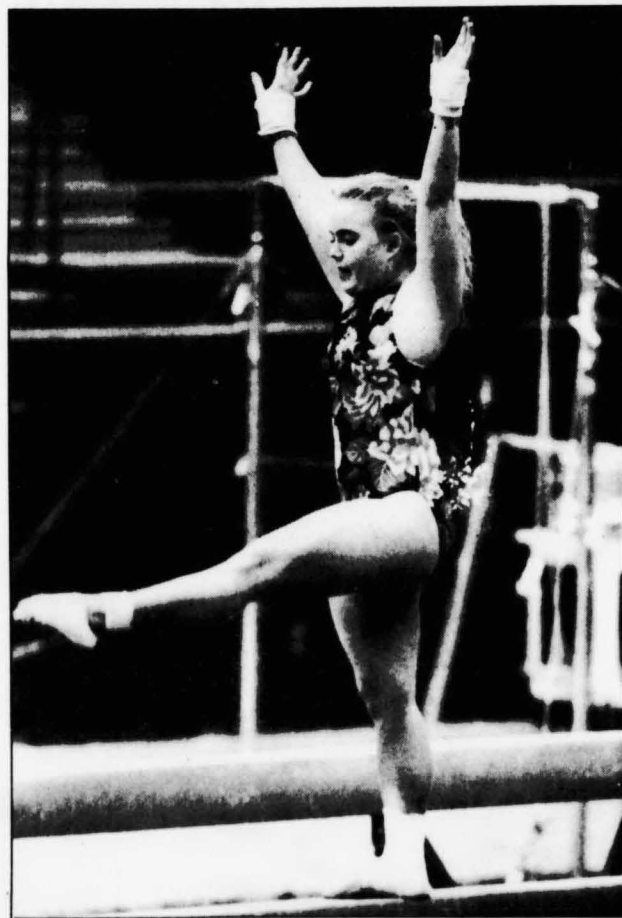
She was second in the all-around Friday behind a new team member, Carla Knudsen.

Samantha Fox, also new to the team this year, earned a 9.2 on the balance beam with back and front aerial moves. There were no breaks in her routine.

Jodi Solod continues to lead floor exercises earning a 9.2 Friday afternoon.

All-around leader Carla Knudsen scored 9.0 on the floor, an event where no woman scored less than 8.5.

Knudsen led on the vault with a 9.3 ahead of Samila Hifai's 9.1 and Anne Wheaton's and Jennifer Shipman's 9.0.



KAREN C. HANNER — SPARTAN DAILY

SJSU's Samantha Fox performs on the balance beam at Friday's intrasquad meet in the Men's Gym. The judge awarded her 9.2 out of a maximum of 10 points. The women's first meet is at home against Oregon State and California State University, Fullerton, January 15.

## Spartan Shorts

Spartan Daily Staff Report

Left winger Elliot Chung, made three goals and Gordon Turner added one to lead the SJSU hockey team to a 4-1 victory over the California Golden Bears, at Berkeley ice stadium, Dec. 5.

The win improves the Spartans to a 3-2 record in the Pacific Collegiate Hockey Association. The next game the Spartans will host the University of Denver, Dec. 8, in Redwood City, at 11:15 am.

Senior guard Sherry Yudd scored 15 points and forward Hulett Brooks added 13 in a victory over Northern Arizona 62-50.

The Spartans earned their first win in the consolation game of the St. Mary's Tip-off Classic. Saturday in Moraga.

The win gave rookie head coach Karen Smith her first victory. It also snapped 14 game losing streak carrying over from last season. The Spartans improved to 1-2. The Spartans play Dec. 10 at the University of San Francisco at 7 p.m.



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## Video of quake made from space observation of fault motions

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — NASA used satellite photos to make a video showing how the ground moved during California's strongest earthquake in decades, a method like the one used to display cloud motion on TV weather reports.

"This is the first time fault motion has been observed through the use of images acquired through space," said Robert Crippen, a geologist at the space agency's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena.

Crippen planned to unveil the video during the American Geophysical Union's fall meeting at San Francisco's Civic Auditorium.

The video provides a bird's-eye-view of how faults in California's Mojave Desert moved last June 28 during the magnitude-7.5 Landers earthquake, California's strongest jolt in 40 years and third strongest this century. The quake and its magnitude-6.6 Big Bear aftershock killed a child and injured more than 400 people. Movement occurred along several different faults in the sparsely populated area roughly 100 miles east-northeast of Los Angeles.

## ① Radical black group declares war on whites

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AP) — Nelson Mandela on Monday condemned attacks on whites at a restaurant and golf club by a radical black group and said talks on ending apartheid would not be derailed.

The radical group, the Azanian People's Liberation Army, said it has declared war on whites. The group took responsibility for recent attacks in which five white civilians were killed.

Mandela said his African National Congress opposed the Azanian group. "We condemn any use of force against civilians, whether black or white and we think it is unacceptable that innocent civilians should be killed — for any reason," he said during a visit to Namibia.

President F.W. de Klerk condemned the Azanian attacks Monday and said the government was considering emergency steps to halt the violence but gave no details.

## ② UNITA rebels agree to join coalition government

LUANDA, Angola (AP) — Rebels agreed Monday to join a government of national unity and respect a cease-fire, increasing hope that Angola may be edging away from renewed civil war.

The promise by the UNITA rebels came three days before the expiration of a government ultimatum for UNITA to halt hostilities and join a coalition government or face a declaration of war.

"Pacifism and dialogue is the only path the Angolan people want, and this is the path the international community supports," said UNITA spokesman Jorge Valentim, in a statement on state radio. He said UNITA would accept its assigned posts in the new government — the Culture Ministry and four deputy posts.

The African nation has been the scene of battles between government and rebel forces since rebel leader Jonas Savimbi rejected the results of the country's first multiparty elections in September.

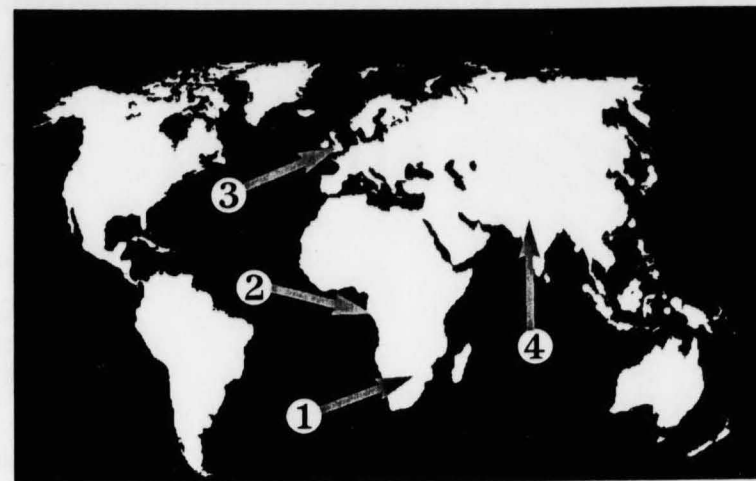
United Nations observers called the elections fair, but Savimbi accused the ruling party of cheating to win both a parliamentary majority and the presidency.

## ③ Queen's 'Horrible Year' heads for happy ending

LONDON (AP) — Queen Elizabeth II's "horrible year" is heading for a happy ending.

After months of hounding the royals for troubled marriages and opulent lifestyles, Britain's tabloid newspapers are now gushing about the imminent wedding of the queen's divorced daughter, Princess Anne.

The 42-year-old princess will marry Royal Naval Cmdr. Timothy Laurence, a 37-year-old bachelor, at a private family ceremony Saturday in a tiny Presbyterian



church in northern Scotland, Buckingham Palace announced Monday.

Britons put Anne near the top of the list of most admired royals for her work on behalf of more than 100 charities, especially Save The Children. During 1991, with 332 public engagements in Britain and 241 abroad, she was the second busiest royal behind her mother.

## ④ India to ban groups after religious riots kill 200

NEW DELHI, India (AP) — The government announced a ban on fundamentalist groups and sent the army into Bombay after religious riots across India killed about 200 Hindus and Muslims.

Fighting with firebombs, knives, axes and stones engulfed at least two dozen towns after Hindu zealots destroyed a 430-year-old Muslim mosque in northern India on Sunday and began building a Hindu temple at the site.

Sacking of the Babri Masjid mosque enraged India's Muslim neighbors, Pakistan and Bangladesh; prompted calls for the ouster of Prime Minister P.V. Narasimha Rao, and threatened widescale violence among India's 700 million Hindus and 100 million Muslims.

The unprecedented ban would cover the World Hindu Council, which led the attack on the mosque in Ayodhya, where 300,000 pilgrims assembled before the attack. The ban will empower the government to seize bank accounts. Banned groups will not be allowed to operate offices or hold public meetings.

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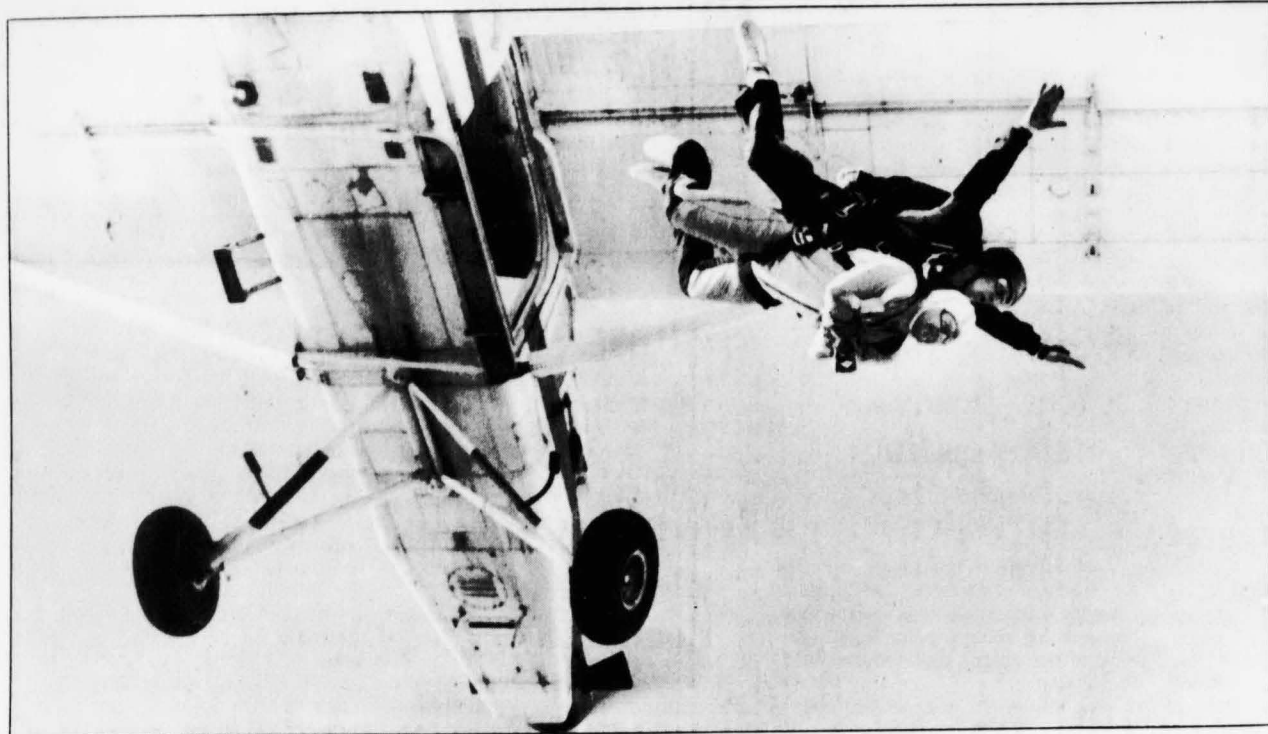
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# SJSU student jumps into sky diving, discovers adventure, fun, spirituality



PHOTOGRAPH BY KEVIN CLEMENTS — SPECIAL TO SPARTAN DAILY

Jon Solomon, Spartan Daily reporter, bottom, leaps out of a Porter airplane Saturday in a tandem jump attached to Dave Hughes, a

parachute sky diving instructor at Skydive Hollister. Solomon jumped from about 13,500 feet and landed in a cow pasture.

By JON SOLOMON  
Spartan Daily Staff Writer

I'm no longer a virgin.

On a sunny, clear, cool Saturday afternoon, with eight people watching, I finally lost my virginity.

Everyone is there to watch me and encourage me, as I throw caution to the wind.

Of course, at first I am nervous. Who wouldn't be? But, finally the moment comes and I brave forward and take the plunge.

"Two things that are going to bounce through your head," says Skip Howland of Skydive Hollister, in prepping me for my first sky dive. "One is you're going to say 'What the hell am I doing?' and the second is 'How do I get out of this without looking like a total jerk?' And the answer to both of them is, 'You're going to do it.'"

"When you leave, you'll get the same feeling as leaving a diving board," he says.

Yeah, I think to myself. Like going off a diving board — into a bottomless pool, right?

I take these words of advice and get in a turbine-powered Porter airplane. I am crammed in the cabin with eight people, all accomplished skydivers. About 10 minutes into the flight, my instructor and tandem partner Dave Hughes shows me the altimeter on his left hand. It reads 12,000 feet — that's two miles higher than I want to be.

I turn my back to him while he connects my harness to his. I look in awe out of the small circular window down at the earth two miles below.

When the plane reaches 13,500 feet, the roar of the engines subsides. A few minutes later a guy slides open the door. Cold wind gushes in and slaps me in the face.

One by one, the jumpers back up out of the plane and let the sky carry them. I start to get second thoughts and think of what Howland said before: "What the hell am I getting myself into?"

When the cabin clears, I get on my knees (I should be praying at this point) and Hughes makes some last checks to make sure everything is connected properly.

I scoot to the doorway, sit on the ledge and hold on to the rail around the doorway. I still can't believe I'm doing this wild and crazy thing.

The hardest part is just letting go and taking that one step beyond. With my arms crossed and my head tilted upward, I take the big leap.

A feeling of weightlessness and complete freedom sweeps me. I am free from the restraints of gravity.

It's almost spiritual in that I am being carried by an unknown force — a force I have faith in to bring me safely back to earth. Noted cultural anthropologist Joseph Campbell would probably call this a "peak experience."

A few seconds later, Hughes taps me on the shoulder, signaling to put my arms out with my hands at ear level and knees bent.

Hey, I'm flying. I could say it's incredible, exhilarating, spectacular, awesome, intense, outstanding, wild, free, beautiful...and so on.

These words could apply to free falling, but a million adjectives could never describe the act of falling. The only way I could possibly describe it to the inexperienced would be by getting them in a plane and pushing them out the door.

Even though I'm zooming toward the earth at 120 miles per hour, the only thing I can do is smile. It seems the only viable reaction. I feel better than I've ever felt. Those feelings of nervousness and fright vanish in the wind.

The free fall lasts for about a minute and then Hughes signals me to cross my arms. He's about to pull the rip cord. The chute opens and jerks us upward.

It is a bit of a jolt and kind of startling, but now I know everything will be all right. We float the rest of the way down at about 30 miles per hour.

Hughes gives me control over the steering toggles. Now, I really get a chance to take in the scenery.

The breeze blows us around a bit, making me a bit nauseous and glad I went down on an empty stomach.

Hughes doesn't tell me anything about landing until we are a few hundred feet from the cow pasture below.

We are supposed to do a slide landing, but I don't put my legs out. So, I end up landing on my knees in the cow patties — a rather embarrassing and smelly ending to such a wonderful experience.

On one hand, I am glad to be on the ground but on the other, I don't want it to be over. Hughes unhooks the clips, and I lay there on top of cow patties, just staring at the sky and clouds, thinking, "Hey I was up there. Wow — what a concept!"

Endorphins are swimming rampantly around inside my body at a million miles an hour.

It is like I'm pumped full of an enormous amount of caffeine. I am buzzing in a different wavelength.

As we walk through the pasture, Hughes said it's like trying to describe chocolate to someone who has never had it.

"It's hard to explain," he said, "but you know it's good."

Some say one thing sky diving can be compared to is sex. But as one instructor says, "it depends who you're with."

Howard Dean, who's jumped 758 times in the past two-and-a-half years, said people from all professions skydive, but the one thing they all have in common —

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The word "rush" is an understatement. It goes beyond a rush.

I can definitely see why people get addicted to the sport. It is like a drug, a wonderful, natural drug.

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